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BEGIN SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED JULY 10 WITH INTERVENTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF INDONESIA, MEXICO, AUSTRALIA, EGYPT, THAILAND AND UNHCR. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR THAJEB OF INDONESIA DELIVERED UNREMARKABLE STATEMENT CONCERNING THE NEED TO STABILIZE THE PRICE OF RAW MATERIALS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE CITED THE LOME CONVENTION AND PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S INITIATIVE AS BEING HELPFUL. HE ALSO SAID THAT FURTHER STEPS WERE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE LDC ACCESS TO DEVELOPED COUNTRY MARKETS AND TO INTRODUCE A DEGREE OF AUTOMATICITY INTO THE FLOW OF DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES. NOT UNSURPRISINGLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT OPEC HAD ALREADY PROVIDED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE TO OTHER LDC'S AND SAID THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUST STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS TO TRANSFER RESOURCES.

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2. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR DAVIS' STATEMENT REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THE BROAD OBJECTIVE OF THE IEO AND CERDS. HE THEN WENT ON TO ADDRESS ISSUES WHICH IN HIS VIEW SHOULD BE TAKEN UP AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. THESE INCLUDE COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND FOOD PROBLEMS. HE GAVE CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS TO THE LAST, OUTLINING HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD, AND POINTED OUT THAT 61 OF 97 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE A DEFICIT IN FOOD SUPPLY.

3. EGYPT'S AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA, HAMAD GHANI, DELIVERED A THOUGHTFUL AND BALANCED STATEMENT COVERING THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, HIS GOVERNMENT'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND FINALLY THE QUESTION OF UN STRUCTURE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE SAID THAT THE REOPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND REBUILDING OF THE SUEZ AREA BY HIS GOVERNMENT WERE SYMBOLS OF ITS DESIRE TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. IN CONTRAST, HE POINTED TO THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES. TURNING TO DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICY, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT A CENTRAL FEATURE OF EGYPT'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY IS A LAW ENCOURAGING FOREIGN INVESTMENT. DESCRIBING THE NEW POLICY AS AN "OPENING UP TO THE WORLD", HE CITED THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE AND THE RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT BILATERAL COMMITTEES WITH THE US, FRG, ITALY AND OTHERS AS EXAMPLES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT NEW POLICY. THE SPECIAL SESSION NEED NOT REPEAT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NIEO AND CERDS, BUT SHOULD RATHER FOCUS ON CONCRETE QUESTIONS OF TRADE, TRANSFER OF RESOURCES AND INDUSTRIALIZATION. HE URGED ECOSOC AT THIS SESSION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LACK OF TENSION BETWEEN THE GROUPS OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED AND TAKE POSITIVE STEPS, SUCH AS AGREEMENT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SESSION.

4. AMBASSADOR HAMAD GHANI, A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON UN STRUCTURES, ENDED WITH A STATEMENT OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW OF THE STRUCTURE REPORT. HE SAID THAT THE REPORT WAS BASED ON FOUR CONCEPTS: (1) THE NEED TO INTRODUCE A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION, LIKE THAT USED IN UNCTAD, INTO THE UN; (2) THE DELINEATION OF THE ROLES OF THE GA AND THE ECOSOC; (3) STREAMLINING OF THE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE FOR CENTRALIZATION OF POLICY DECISION MAKING AND CONTINUATION OF THE DECENTRALIZATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN PROGRAMS; AND (4) METHODS TO

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STRENGTHEN ECOSOC SO THAT IN THE FUTURE ANY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNCTAD AND UNIDO WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO FILL A VACUUM CREATED BY INACTION BY ECOSOC.

5. AMBASSADOR WATANAKUN OF THAILAND SUPPORTED ECOSOC PRESIDENT AKHUND'S VIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. THE THAIS BELIEVE THAT THE SESSION SHOULD FOCUS ON PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND FOOD PROBLEMS.

6. PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN REVIEWED THE "GOOD OFFICES" ROLE OF UNHCR IN CYPRUS, THE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES AND INDO-CHINA. HE SAID THAT THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM IN SOUTH VIETNAM WILL SOON BE PHASED OUT. EXPENDITURES TO DATE ON THAT PROGRAM HAVE TOTALED \$25 MILLION.

7. AMBASSADOR BARCELO OF MEXICO RECITED THE MESSAGE NOW FAMILIAR FROM THAT QUARTER. ALTHOUGH MEXICAN GNP INCREASED BY 6.5 PERCENT IN 1974, BARCELO CLAIMED THAT THERE REMAINED A NUMBER OF EXTERNAL PROBLEMS WHICH CONTINUED TO PLAGUE THE ADVANCE OF THE MEXICAN ECONOMY. THESE INCLUDE UNRESTRICTED ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AN INSIDIOUS FORM OF COLONIALISM, TRADE RESTRICTIONS AND GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE. HE DID, HOWEVER, MENTION NATIONAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS THE FACT THAT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS NOT KEEPING PACE AND THE ISSUES POSED BY RAPIDLY EXPANDING POPULATION.

8. IN PREPARATION FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION, HE URGED THAT CERDS BE TAKEN INTO FULL ACCOUNT. DALE

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